

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday August 3, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Judges 19-21

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

NO KING IN ISRAEL

Lord's Supper

Final Song

Benediction

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

"The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night."

Psalm 121:5-6

Middle Elementary:

Review: "The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down."

Psalm 145:14

Mission of the Week

Jess and Willy Versteeg – Power to Change

So far this summer has been about 'refreshing and equipping.' The first six weeks we enjoyed Montreal in spring-time, and I (Willy) did prep-work for our fall semester, finishing seminary classes and preparing to be a Teacher's Assistant at the Institute of Biblical Studies. Jess joined a small team spread across the country that is focused on re-developing the staff training for campus teams across Canada. The majority of our staff will go through this training starting this Fall. In case you missed the announcement in our last newsletter: we're pregnant! Jess is over half-way through her pregnancy. The due date is November 3 and we're thrilled to find out the baby is a boy.

Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<u>Monday</u>	Denis, David
<u>Tuesday</u>	Din Fowler, Nikki Tianna
<u>Wednesday</u>	Dodge Nick
<u>Thursday</u>	Field-Dodge, Patrick
<u>Friday</u>	Doiron, Brenda
<u>Saturday</u>	Evans, Tanya & Aedan

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Study – 9:30 am
Ladies' Study – 8:30 pm

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Family Festival – 9am – 3pm

Sunday: Corporate Worship – 10:30 am
Sandwich Sunday

Rosedale Family Festival: As an outreach to our community, Rosedale will be hosting a 'Family Festival' next Saturday (August 9th), 9am-3pm. There will be a free BBQ, Carnival Games, a Bouncy Castle and a Garage Sale to benefit Open Arms Mission. Please pray for this event and sign up this morning to volunteer!

Garage Sale Items: If you would like to donate items for our upcoming garage sale, you must bring them to the church by Thursday. The Garage Sale will be part of our upcoming Family Festival (August 9th), and all proceeds will go to support Open Arms Mission.

Niagara Challenge: Reminder that Niagara Challenge (Operation Mobilization) will be happening once again this year from August 25th – 30th. This is a great opportunity to learn to share your faith more effectively, so please speak to Costa Sarides if you would like to apply.

Church Nursery: We are in need of a few new volunteers to join the nursery rotation. Please speak to Michelle Metcalfe if interested.

No King in Israel

Judges 19-21

- The book of Judges began with a double introduction (1:1-2:5; 2:6-3:6), and ends with a double conclusion (17-18; 19-21).
- the first conclusion which we considered several weeks ago emphasizes Israel's religious corruption
- the second conclusion which we will consider this morning emphasizes Israel's moral corruption

I. Moral Depravity (ch. 19)

- 1) The events which take place in these chapters are the darkest in all of Scripture – a stark picture of Israel without her King (cf. 19:1; 21:25)
- 2) Each character bears the marks of depravity
 - a. **Concubine** - adultery
 - b. **Levite** – wife abuse/misogyny, deception
 - c. **Old Ephraimite** – child abuse
 - d. **Men of Gibeah** – sodomy, gang rape, murder, inhospitality
 - e. **Israelites** – brutal vengeance
 - f. **Benjamites** – kidnapping, rape
- 3) **Main Point:** Israel has become the new 'Sodom and Gomorrah' – cf. Genesis 19

Application:

- The fact that each character is left anonymous (unnamed) hints that the application of the text is very wide – a portrait of humanity apart from God!

II. Misdirected Unity (ch. 20)

- 1) Unity is based on deception – (vv. 4-7)
- 2) Unity is unparalleled in the book of Judges

- a. Ironic that the unnamed Levite has more success in uniting Israel than any of the previous Judges we've studied
 - b. Tragic that Israel is more eager to fight Israel than she is to fight the wicked Canaanites – Israel turns out to be her own worst enemy! (Compare 20:18 with 1:1-2)
- 3) **Main Point:** Benjamin has become the new Ai – cf. Joshua 7-8

Application: Although Israel was right to punish the sin of Benjamin, the tragedy is that they were more zealous for civil war than they were for conquest against the true enemy. If we Christians are unified in a cause, let's be unified in the right cause – fulfillment of the Great Commission!

III. Muddled Solutions (ch. 21)

- 1) Blaming God instead of ourselves (vv. 2-3)
- 2) Using Worldly wisdom instead of Godly wisdom
 - a. The Israelites massacre a Jewish city (Jabesh-gilead) under a pretense of godliness, and force 400 teenage girls into marriages with the men of Benjamin
 - b. Foolish vows and wicked 'loopholes'
 - i. Israel didn't learn their lesson from Jephthah's terrible mistake
 - ii. To fulfill another foolish vow they resort to the kidnapping and rape of 200 teenage girls

Application: The author of Judges wrote this book to endorse King David as the solution to Israel's problems. Ultimately David failed, but we have a King in David's line who will never fail – King Jesus!